

## FLAGSTAFF WANTS THE NEXT TAX COMMISSION

Flagstaff seeks to be the next meeting place of the annual conference of tax officials in July.

Mayor John W. Francis, of Flagstaff L. E. Hart, chairman of the board of supervisors of Coconino county, R. T. Brown, member of the board, and County Engineer W. H. Power of Coconino, called on the state tax commission late Saturday afternoon and made that request.

The application if the commission is being considered by the commission. All pointed out Flagstaff's name as an ideal summer climate.

The 1914 convention was held in Prescott and the one the year before in Phoenix. Prescott it is understood is again after this year's meeting.

The conference brings together several hundred persons including the officials and their families.

## Coconino County Road Building

Coconino county has shown a deep interest in the question of good roads, a subject so prominent in the public mind at present. L. E. Hart of Flagstaff, chairman of the board of supervisors, and R. T. Brown, of Williams, a member of the board, are in attendance at the meeting in Phoenix and submitted the following report of work performed and cost of same during the year just closed. It reads:

"The total amount of road mileage in Coconino county is 878.33 miles.

"The amount of money spent on the roads in Coconino county for the year 1914 was \$82,290.70. Of this amount \$7,779.11 was used for the salaries of the county road superintendent, county surveyor, custodian of Bright Angel trail and attendant at Lee's Ferry and expenses attached to each office, leaving the amount of \$74,511.59 actually spent on the upkeep of old roads and the building of new roads.

"Approximately eight and a half miles of the national highway between Flagstaff and Maine was new grade and cinder capped at a cost of \$1000 per mile, four miles of the national highway between Flagstaff and Bellemont was cinder capped at a cost of \$600 per mile, on the east end of the national highway between Flagstaff and Winslow, fifty-three miles of new road was built at an approximate cost of \$650 per mile. Twenty miles of new road was built on the Flagstaff and Grand Canyon road at an approximate cost of \$500 per mile, and four miles on the west side of the San Francisco Peaks was built at a cost of about \$700 per mile. This makes a total of \$58,150 spent on new roads in the county and \$16,370.68 spent on the upkeep of the old roads.

"There has been approximately \$35,000 set aside for road work in this county for this year 1915."—Arizona Gazette.

The bite of a deadly Gila monster captured in the vicinity of Tucson and sent to the University of Kansas some time ago, has caused the death of L. L. Dyche, fish and game warden of the state of Kansas, and a well known scientist of the University of Kansas, according to news received by a friend in this city, says the Tucson Star.

## Library Report Feb. 1-8

Books issued—111.  
Readers—158.  
Cards issued—19.  
Books received—17.  
Out of town donors:—Mr. Stebbins.  
Books—  
Osteopathy—Geikie.  
The Light of Asia—Arnold.

The Gates Between—Phelps.  
Ground Arms—Suttner.  
The Mysterious Island—Verne.  
Silas Marner—Elliott.  
Lena Rivers—Holmes.  
Ishmael—Southworth.  
Self-Raised—Southworth.  
The Rosary—Barclay.  
Hope Laring—Bell.  
The Glory of the Conquered—Glaspell.  
Beverley of Graustark—McCutcheon.  
Celebrity—Churchill.  
Social Buckner—Isham.  
Germany and the next War—Bernharde.

## COASTING IS SOME FUN— ALSO SOME DANGEROUS

The coasting on Observatory Hill, which attracts many of Flagstaff's young people, is taking its toll in skinned faces, hands and sore bodies, while some of the accidents are more serious and lasting. Last Saturday afternoon Elenor Greenlaw suffered a broken limb in a collision of two conveyances. Albert Dennis has a ragged wound above his kneecap and John Kennedy was knocked out for the count Sunday evening.

The element of danger in coming down the steep tree-lined hill about 30 miles an hour is very enticing to Young America even though it shatter the nerves of Old America looking on. With continued warm weather parents will cease to worry but should it turn cold again the course could be banked on each side and eliminate the sleds from tree climbing stunts.

## Dr. Rudd Passes Away

Dr. W. M. Rudd, well known to many Flagstaff people, passed away at his home in Wickinburg Wednesday, where he has been residing for the past three years. Prior to that time he lived in Springville for many years. The deceased was 89 years old.

Miss Katherine Rudd, Mr. William Rudd and the other children were with him at the end. Funeral services will be held today in Wickinburg under the direction of the Masonic lodge.

## PRICES FOR WOOL WILL PROBABLY A TAKE JUMP

According to a telegram from the National Wool Growers Association received by M. I. Powers the first of the week, the outlook for a jump in prices is excellent. The message follows:

M. I. Powers,  
Flagstaff, Arizona:

England has again placed the embargo on wool. Boston dealers speculating wildly. Pulled wool advanced five cents over night. Buyers representing Germany on their way west to contract from growers. Outlook for an advance in prices most excellent. Please publish this.

NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS.

Many of the sheepmen who are making their headquarters in Mesa for the winter, and whose sheep have been on the range near Mesa for some time past, went to the desert to see if any of their property was lost or drowned during the recent heavy rains. Thousands of sheep are feeding on the lands near the foothills in care of herders. They represent a great deal of wealth to their owners and require constant and careful attention. Coyotes and wildcats are fond of sheep and must be guarded against as well as the dangers of storms and floods.

A. W. Norton and wife will leave for Phoenix Saturday where they will make their home for some time. The change is made on the account of Mrs. Norton's poor health at this altitude.

## A MEETING OF LIVE STOCK MEN CALLED

President H. A. Jastro, of the American Live Stock association, has issued the following call for the annual convention of that organization, which reads:

Call is hereby made for the Eighteenth annual convention of the American National Live Stock Association, to be held in Hall A, first floor, of Exposition Memorial Auditorium, San Francisco, California, March 24, 25 and 26, 1915, convening at 10 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, March 24; morning sessions only.

It has been customary to hold our annual meetings in January, but owing to the fact that the exposition does not open until February 20, 1915, it became necessary to fix a later date, and the Executive Committee, after considering the dates of other live stock meetings to be held early in the year, selected the above as the most convenient for the majority of our members.

The live stock industry was never confronted with more serious problems. It is passing through a very widespread attack of foot-and-mouth disease. Railroads are proposing largely to advance their rates on live stock and its products. Range conditions are yearly becoming more unsatisfactory. The cost of raising and maturing live stock has increased. Importation of meats have affected prices. The war in Europe has seriously disturbed all commercial conditions in this country.

Among the many subjects for the consideration of our convention are: Federal control of the semi-arid, unappropriated public grazing lands; various land bills before Congress; administration of forest reserves; railroad rates and service; delays at terminals; cases pending before the interstate commerce commission regarding live stock rates; valuation in live stock contracts; suppression of foot-and-mouth and other infectious diseases, and appropriation by Congress for same; sanitary regulations; meat inspection law; importation of live stock and meats; inspection of imported meats, hides and wool; prohibitive tax on oleomargarine; financing of live stock loans; reports of officers and standing committees.

Mrs. M. P. Caldwell is confined to her home on Summit Avenue by a very severe illness.

W. B. Raudebaugh left this afternoon for Flagstaff after spending a vacation in Mesa, dating from early in October. Mr. Raudebaugh says he has enjoyed the pleasant winter climate, even the rains of last month, but thinks he must get back to business.—Mesa Free Press.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Buckbee and Rev. F. G. Mitchell came in from Tuba the first of the week. They drove the car as far as Canyon Diablo and finished the trip by rail. Mr. and Mrs. Buckbee will return the latter part of the week while Rev. Mitchell goes to Oak Creek to hold meetings for a time.

In the anniversary number of the Arizona Teacher appears a contribution from Dr. R. H. H. Blome, discussing the feeling tone of consciousness as a factor in education. The feeling tone of consciousness has both physical and mental basis. It is pointed out that a healthy body, clean, pleasant school surroundings and a most important factor—well kept clothes, are conducive to a pleasing physical tone consciousness. While a pleasant disposition and wholesome thoughts give a pleasing mental tone of consciousness. Combining the physical and the mental the teacher has means for bringing out the best and highest in the student.

## AUTO TRAVEL TO THE EXPOSITION IS HEAVY

Although the great influx is not expected until warmer weather opens up the roads throughout the East and Middle West, hundreds of automobile parties already have made the transcontinental trip over the Southern National Highway to the San Diego Exposition; and before the end of 1915, it is believed that a total of 25,000 automobiles will cross the continent with visitors to the two California expositions. One large party of tourists already is being organized by J. J. Cole, president of the Colorado Motor Car company, and several others are being planned by automobile owners in all parts of the country.

Of the four recognized transcontinental routes, only one, that through the Southwest is in satisfactory condition during the winter months. The others, the Northern trail from Chicago through St. Paul to Seattle, the Overland trail over the Lincoln National Highway from Chicago through Omaha, Cheyenne, and Ogden to San Francisco, and the Midland trail from Chicago through Denver and Salt Lake to Los Angeles, are buried under heavy falls of snow. For this reason, almost all the automobile parties so far have followed the southern route along the border through Phoenix and into San Diego. After visiting the San Diego exposition, they will go northward through Southern California to Los Angeles and then on to San Francisco to attend the opening of the exposition in that city on February 20.

Then the other three trails open for travel in the course of the next few months, the great influx of automobile parties will begin with streams of motor cars making their way to the Pacific Coast over all four highways.

In addition to those who plan to cross the continent by automobile, there are hundreds who are shipping their machines to the west coast by rail in order that they may have them for use over the wonderful roads for which California, Oregon, and Washington are famous. Railroad companies already report a remarkable increase in automobile shipments westward, many motorists having their machines sent directly from the factory; and extra freight cars are being called into service to meet the demand expected within the next few weeks.

The Pacific Coast motorists are doing all in their power to make travel in this section of the country a pleasure in every way. In Southern California, for example, the Automobile Club of Southern California has placed guide posts through the district about San Diego and Los Angeles and is furnishing information daily in answer to the thousands of queries from eastern and middle western points.

Last year the three Pacific Coast states expended huge sums in putting finishing touches to their elaborate system of state highways; and as a result, the roads are in first class condition. States, counties, and towns along the four main transcontinental highways also have worked faithfully to get the various routes into the best possible shape.

With all these preparations made and with the two expositions as drawing cards, Pacific Coast automobile enthusiasts are making plans to welcome and care for the greatest number of visiting motorists ever seen in this part of the country.

## Accomplished Facts

Up to Monday three bills had passed both houses and been signed by the governor. The first

of these is the legislative appropriation of \$50,000 to meet the expenses of the session. The second is the measure extending the time for the payment of 1914 taxes until April next and remitting the penalties, and the third is the state fair emergency appropriation bill for \$21,000. Sixty-four bills have been introduced to date in the Senate and an equal number in the House.

The Powers prohibition bill which was on the House Committee of the whole calendar for Friday will be postponed until the Supreme court hands down a decision in the Gherna case.

## ARIZONA IS LEADING NEW MEXICO IN COST

Legislators are making comparisons of New Mexico's annual expenditures with those of Arizona and find that the neighboring state is far more extravagant. Arizona is third among the states of the union as to per capita public indebtedness, while the state debt of New Mexico is one of the smallest among the states of the union.

Arizona has increased its revenues 150 per cent in three years, the total last year being \$2,270,000 while New Mexico with twice the population collected only \$1,813,778.50. New Mexico derives four times as much revenue from its public lands as does Arizona. While Arizona has decreased its tax rate 45 per cent in three years it has increased its assessments 336 per cent in the same period.

The state taxes in New Mexico are less than \$3 per capita; in Arizona they are \$7 per capita. The cost of New Mexico's public schools is less than \$20 per capita of the school census, while that of Arizona is given at \$60 per capita. Thus all along the line, New Mexico's finances are much more economically administered than those of Arizona and the per capita tax burden is but a fraction of what it is in the neighboring state, or most other states for that matter.

## MANLOVE---THE MAN OF MANY FACES---COMING

H. R. Manlove will appear at the Emerson Hall Tuesday evening, February 16, 1915, as the last number of an exceptionally good lecture course, offered this winter by the Normal school. He is an impersonator without a peer and his entertainment will be one of best on the course.

Following are some of the press comments on his ability:

H. R. Manlove, "the man of many faces," appeared at the Central School auditorium last evening and delighted a large audience. Mr. Manlove is considered one of the best impersonators on the road and from the comments of local persons, he certainly impersonated the Jew, Englishman, old man, farmer, tramp, etc., to perfection.—Wheeling (W. Va.) News.

Battle Creek, Minn.

Mr. Manlove is all you said and more. He is a wonderful impersonator. One forgets Mr. Manlove and sees only the characters he impersonates. And is then surprised to come back to earth and discover a genius behind it all. I do not hesitate to say that he is the best number on our course. CHAS. A. HATCH.

Loveland, Colo. Jan. 2, 1915.

Mr. Manlove gave us an excellent entertainment last night. We have had nothing better in his line and we have had the best as you know. R. W. TRUSCOTT.

Superintendent of Schools. Tickets and reservations at Marlars' Drug Store Monday the fifteenth.

## HUNDREDS OF CATTLE BIT- TEN BY RABID ANIMALS

The spreading of rabies by infected coyotes among cattle grazing in the National Forests has assumed a grave aspect, according to a report received by the Forest Service from the District Forester in charge of the forests in Washington and Oregon. Numerous townships in eastern Oregon, it is reported, have ordered that all dogs be muzzled lest those that have been bitten by rabid coyotes develop hydrophobia and attack humans or domestic animals.

Efforts are being made by the state authorities of Oregon to stop the spread of hydrophobia by this means and officers of the Forest Service are co-operating in attempts to kill off the coyotes. In one county alone a loss of three hundred head of cattle is charged to rabid coyotes.

## Wool Strong, Mills More Active

Speculations continues rampant in the wool market, especially in B super pulled wools and other grades suitable for filling army contracts, which so many of the New England mills have secured. Prices are constantly advancing, and it is claimed that B. supers have sold as high as 65 cents. While this is considered extreme, regular quotations for eastern Bs are 60-63 cents. Territory wools are reported to have been moved in good volume, considering the reduced stocks. During the week a steamer sailed for Bremen with 2,900,000 pounds of domestic wool, by far the largest shipment yet reported. Some wool men fear this will lead England to reimpose embargo conditions. From January 25 to February 3, inclusive, not a pound of foreign wool arrived at the port of Boston. Shipments of merinos are being freely made from Australia, three steamers being on the way to Vancouver with more or less wool, while three others are under charter to bring wool direct to the United States via the Panama canal. Better reports are coming from the goods market. Some mills have taken good sized orders for heavy-weight men's wear fabrics and overcoatings, and are running full, in some cases overtime. This intensifies the wool problem, though arrivals of Australian merinos are expected to give some relief in another month.—Bradstreet's.

## Public School Notes

A few examinations are being held this week.

The eighth grade pupils are studying Julius Caesar.

Three sets of American History Maps, which arrived recently, are very welcome helps in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Walter Dickinson of the eighth grade stands at the head of his class in spelling for the week ending last Friday.

The seventh grade history class is busy with the American Revolution.

Recent tests in fifth grade arithmetic show that the girls are quicker and more accurate than the boys. Wait until the next test; it may be different.

The seventh grade girls have organized and are successfully conducting a Red Cross society. They call themselves the "Red Cross Nurses" and are doing excellent work. Now if the boys would only organize a squad and drill, we would be all ready for war.

The A. & B. Schuster store building at St. Johns was burned to the ground last Friday morning. The postoffice located in the same building was totally destroyed and much of the mail burned.